



Health Care Workers Union
Canadian Union of Public Employees

President report

October 2022

Office: Still working on getting members registered into Younified. If you have not registered, please do; please encourage co-workers to also register.

Nomination: Congratulations to Mylene Holmes for letting her name stand for another 3-year term as our CUPE 204 Treasurer. Congratulations to Daniel Richards for letting his name stand for another 3-year term as 2nd VP. Congratulations to Steven Fontaine for letting his name stand for a 3-year term as Trustee. There will be no need for election as all candidates were acclaimed.

Bargaining: A tentative agreement was ratified by the membership but there is still work that needs to be done. Shannon has requested dates from the employer so we can get the outstanding proposals completed.

Selkirk Mental Health Centre: Meet and greet went very well. We were able to connect with around 60 members.

CUPE National Sector Conference: October 3-6, 2022, the Table Officers attended the conference. I provided a report on Manitoba's bargaining and the challenges we faced here in Manitoba. Across Canada, health care workers were facing a lot of the same issues with the pandemic and bargaining. New Brunswick shared their story on how it took them years to be able to have a very successful strike. Also, they explained how they had to get members engaged and to stand with the union and bargaining committee to make the strike successful. I hope to be able to build more solidarity in our union as we are one year away from our next round of bargaining; never too soon to start.

NDP Convention: October 14-16, I was able to attend as one of CUPE Manitoba delegates to the Convention. It is always great to be around leaders who care about the working class. I spoke in support of many health care resolutions that we would like the NDP to fight for. I believe this Party that will put health care back on track. Together, we need to fight the cuts and the thought of privatization to health care.

CUPE Manitoba Convention: October 20-22, a good support from our Executive Board will be in attendance. Will report more next month on the Convention.

Grievance Report: Done orally.

End of my report.